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1. Soviet troops alleged to be fighting in Palestine--According to US Charge Memminger in Damascus, the Syrian Government has received military reports from Palestine to the effect that "Russian troops, not Jews" were advancing against Arab forces in Palestine. The "Russian troops" were reportedly supported by ten 2-engine US-type bombers



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EUROPE

2. AUSTRIA: Legation's views on Austrian treaty--US Legation Vienna considers that, in recognition of the apparent desire of the USSR to conclude an Austrian treaty, the most advantageous course for the western powers is to: (a) sign a treaty after forcing all possible concessions from the USSR; (b) delay ratification of a treaty as long as justifiable, meanwhile knitting Austria into the structure of western European cooperation; (c) strengthen Austrian military capabilities; and (d) give Austria a public guarantee of security.

(CIA Comment: CIA believes that the USSR is now anxious to conclude an Austrian treaty, probably because Soviet pressure on the entire country can be more effectively applied following quadripartite troop withdrawal.)

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